

JONATHAN O. DUKE JR.

Jonathan Oldham Duke Jr. was born April 16, 1863, at Heber, Wasatch County. He was the son of John and Mary Jones Duke, who came to Utah in 1850, in the David Bennett company. His grandparents, Jonathan Oldham and Mary Stone Duke and Elisha and Margaret Talbot Jones, also came in 1850.

Jonathan O. Duke Jr. attended Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah.

Some of his boyhood companions were Edward D. Clyde, Brigham Witt, Fredrich W. Giles and Charles Thacker.

On January 9, 1887, he and Mary Jane Crook and his brother, Elisha J., and Malinda Cummings were married in the Logan Temple. He and his young wife's first home was in the house that Edward Buys now owns.

In 1890 he and Mr. Buys traded homes, so he and the family moved to Buysville and Mr. Buys and family moved to Heber to make their homes.

Jonathan O. Duke taught school while at Daniels. He was called J. O. Duke many times instead of Jonathan. He was employed by Uncle Joseph McDonald and while in his employment, Jonathan was given a written document on a water transaction and was told to take this paper to Provo and file at the recorder's office, so Jonathan left at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning on horseback, reaching Provo by the time the office was opened. The document was recorded and it became official. When he was leaving the office he was met at the gate by the man who opposed this water transaction, but there was nothing the man could do.

About 1894 he and his family moved back to Heber and went into the sheep business. Here Jonathan purchased a home at Fourth North and First West Streets. They lived there many years.

In 1902 he was called on a mission to Indiana, where he served from 1902 to 1904.

Jonathan retired from the sheep business in 1914. He was the father of five children, namely: Ethel, Don, Angus, Merrill and Grant.

He died October 1, 1943, at his home in Heber, Utah, at the age of 80.

